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On Mar 21, 2019, at 11:26 AM, White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

And here's another Chad submitted yesterday. Still waiting to hear back.

Reporter: Alex Meyer from the Wheeling Intelligencer
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Inquiry: Reporter has questions concerning EPA's role to address groundwater contamination in Paden City.

Question 1: Could you explain what work the EPA has done in Paden City so far?

EPA Response: Since April 2018, EPA has been coordinating with the West Virginia DEP to conduct groundwater sampling around the former dry cleaning facility, Band Box Cleaners. The sampling will be used to identify the plume and direction of groundwater flow. It will also help determine whether Band Box is the only contributor to contamination. EPA has already disposed of contaminated soil that was accumulated during the drilling process.

Question 2: What steps need to be taken moving forward?

EPA Response: EPA and WVDEP will continue work on identifying the plume and direction of groundwater flow. Once the source and plume are identified, EPA will coordinate with WV DEP to review options on how to address the PCE. Options could include upgrading water treatment, installing extraction wells and/or removing contaminated soil. However, it is too early to draw conclusions on the best way to address the issue.

Question 3: How concerned should residents be about this excess contamination? Are there any extra steps they should take or is the water generally safe?

EPA Response: All health related questions to should be directed to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services.

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On Mar 21, 2019, at 11:17 AM, White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nancy,

Seeking approval of recommended response to this media inquiry. Thanks.

Reporter: Ryan Felton, Investigative Reporter, Special Projects for Consumer Reports ryan.felton@consumer.org

Inquiry: The reporter submitted this follow-up inquiry regarding an previous EPA response that “An EPA contractor subcontracted with The Blue Mountain Spring Water Company of Harrisburg to supply bottled water in December 1987” to residents living near the Whitmoyer Laboratories Superfund Site in Pennsylvania.

Question: Do you have any additional input about this contract? Was this company picked as a result of providing bottled water to the residents previously? Was any information about the quality of the bottled water obtained by the EPA?

EPA Response: We do not have any further information on this bottled water supply from 1987. However, here is some general background that explains how emergency water supplies are selected:

When EPA determines that there is a need to provide emergency water supplies, we activate our ERRS (Emergency and Rapid Response Services) contract. The contractor will put out a bid and get proposals from different companies. From there, we select a subcontractor.

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